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POINTS TO DANGER

Archbishop Ireland Urges People to Deal Fairly by Each Other.

Says Profuseness of Country's Prosperity Begets Peril to Nation.

Seldom Before Has There Been Such Need For Exercising Prudence.

A WORD TO THE WAGE EARNERS

Archbishop Ireland, in discussing the dangers of anarchism, a subject on which he touched at the recent gathering of the Army of the Tennessee, at Council Bluffs, has given a further elaboration of his views:

"The very profuseness of the prosperity of the United States begets peril, unless the American people can be taught to use these favors well and wisely. Through her recognition of manhood in every man the multitudes become the rulers, and at times the multitudes bend too readily to momentary excitements. Hence the extreme need of the proper formation of the popular mind, so as to correct thought and righteous action. Injury irreparable may be done during a brief interval of social or political insanity, and a frequency of such conditions, however brief they may be, too easily degenerates into abiding habits. I extol the material prosperity of America. But as one of its accidental consequences I must note the spirit of social selfishness which now agitates the country, and in the apprehension of which the staunchest forces of patriotism must be steadily invoked. It is said too much prosperity comes to some, too little to others; hence new methods are called for in the distribution of wealth and the enjoyment of it. It is perfect in present conditions, that there is no room for progress, we must not assert, but nothing should be said or done to subvert public order, destructive of the spirit of the country and its institutions; in the discussions taking place and the acts following them the fundamental principles of right, reason and the constitution and laws of the Republic should not be forgotten or set aside; nothing should be authorized or permitted that would pass the right of property, the right of every man to own and dispose of the fruits of brain and hand, must be regarded as sacred and inviolable. It is the corner-stone of the social structure. Destroy it, weaken it, you arrest ambition and effort; you give room to the nature of man to move slowly, to think idly; you establish barbarism. Barbarism is that state of society where men, having nothing which is the exclusive possession of any, prey upon the strength and labor of others. Stability of possession and the stimulus of ambition and effort resulting from it are vital requisites for progress and civilization. That in the holding of private property there be inequality is a fact that is inevitable. Men are not and never will be equal in the power that builds up prosperity, in the sacrifice of self and the economy that preserves and increases it; hence they never will be equal in the amount of property that they do or can possess.

"The preaching of Utopias in remedy of this inequality, the proposal of schemes that ignore the nature of men and the vital conditions of human society are an insult no less than an injury to the individual whom they vainly would beguile by their will-o'-the-wisp glamor and deception. It is the day of Utopias, Seldom if ever before in the history of human society was there greater need of prudent wisdom on the part of would-be teachers, of patient reflection on the part of listening audiences. The gravest responsibility rests on all to move slowly, to think wisely, to avoid all perils of leaps into the dark. A chief panacea put before us is common ownership, through city, State and nation, of the chief agencies of productivity and of the transportation, hither and thither, of the results of this productivity. Let all be on their guard. Common ownership in one direction leads readily to common ownership in another—all the more so when the purpose really held in mind is to grasp wealth without much personal effort, to make up for one's own deficiencies by despoiling others. And there is not serious danger therein of weakening individual ambition—which has been, in America, particularly, the great stimulus to the wondrous material development with which the country has been blessed.

"To the poor man, to the wage earner, I should indeed preach the doctrine of ambition and energy. Let every one aim to secure competency for himself and his family. Let every one strive to rise; it is his right, it is his duty. But all this he must do by means that are fair and just, without ever infringing on the rights of others, be they his fellow laborers or those whom he and they call the rich of the land. To the rich and

the more fortunate I should preach unceasingly the doctrines of justice and charity. Just they must be all—depriving none of their God-given rights and of the opportunities which should be open to all—doing their best that the laborer may acquire through his industry the decent and befitting livelihood which human dignity demands. Unreasonable querulousness among the poor, senseless extravagance among the rich, are equally to be reprehended and if one is to be reprehended more severely than the other it is the senseless extravagance of the rich. It is a crime against humanity; it is madness itself to squander money in mere reckless ostentation. Now and then we hear of people so insane in wild extravagance as to clothe dogs and horses in purple and fine linen, and to feed them from golden platters. Are not such people the enemies of the country—by the hatreds which they arouse and the seditious protests to which they give rise?"

RESTS IN PEACE.

Mrs. Mary Meehan's Passing Away Causes Deep Sorrow.

Mrs. Mary Meehan, widow of the late William Meehan, after a long and useful life, yielded her soul to her Maker on Wednesday morning, fortified by the rites of the church, of which she had been a most devoted and exemplary member and surrounded by her ten children and six grandchildren. Mrs. Meehan came to Louisville from Baltimore with her parents while an infant over sixty years ago, and during all that long time she had been a resident and member of St. John's parish. In that church she lived and died, and no other death has caused deeper or more genuine sorrow. Of a cheery and generous disposition, to know was to love her, and not a few there are who will miss her advice and unflinching kindness.

Mrs. Meehan was the mother of a large and well-known family. The oldest son is Will T. Meehan, who for years past has been prominent in the Catholic affairs of Louisville. Two of her daughters and a sister have been prominently connected with the public schools of this city. All of them served as principals and one of the daughters and the sister are still holding that position. The other daughter, Miss Mamie Meehan, gave up her position upon her marriage several years ago and removed to Missouri, where she is living now. Miss Anna M. Meehan is the principal of the Sylvia-avenue school, and Miss Margaret Sweeney, Mrs. Meehan's sister, is the principal of the Mary-avenue school. Besides these daughters Mrs. Meehan is survived by Miss Margaret Meehan, Miss Adelaide Meehan, Mrs. Katherine Dear, Mrs. Nellie Hart, Charles J. Meehan, James G. Meehan and Frank Meehan, of Chicago.

With her unmarried sons and daughters Mrs. Meehan had an elegant home at 1167 East Broadway. While she had not been well for a long time her condition was not considered serious until about ten days before the end. All day Thursday there was a constant stream of callers at the residence, and the cortege that followed the remains to St. John's filled that church to overflowing yesterday morning when the funeral services were held over the remains by the Rev. Father Bax, who had been Mrs. Meehan's only pastor. With hundreds of others we join in tendering sympathy to the sons and daughters in the loss they have sustained.

AFTER NEW HOME.

Division 3 Elects Officers and Makes Good Start For New Year.

Division 3, A. O. H., at the meeting Monday night instructed Messrs. P. T. Sullivan, D. J. Coleman and James Ryan to secure a hall more suitable to the needs of the order, which will be welcome news to the members. The following officers were elected and a fine start was made for the coming year:

President—James Coleman.
Vice President—Phil Cavanaugh.
Recording Secretary—John Morris.
Financial Secretary—John Hession.
Sergeant-at-Arms—Thomas Noon.
Standing Committee—Patrick Holley, Patrick T. Sullivan, Lawrence J. Mackey, Charles Boyle, George J. Butler.

In acknowledging the honor conferred upon him James Coleman delivered a forceful and practical address, pledging his best efforts to the division and order. He urged the members to attend the meetings and give the officers their hearty and united support, with which Division 3 would soon have the strongest numerically as well as financially. The laws will be administered conscientiously and impartially, and the presence of members will create enthusiasm and friendly feeling.

State President Butler and ex-County President Thomas Quinn also addressed the members, the former expressing himself elated over his reception at Covington and the condition of the order there. After the usual routine business all adjourned to the Sisters' bazaar at Liederkranz Hall.

FINGERS MASHED.

Edward McDermott, whose home is in New Albany, an employee of the American Car and Foundry Company in Jeffersonville, had one of his hands caught in a machine he was running Tuesday and suffered painful and serious injury. When medical assistance reached him it was found that the hand was so badly mangled that the first and third fingers had to be amputated.

NOMINEES

Show That People of Catholic Faith Lead Reform Movement.

Irishmen are Now Prominent in the Affairs of the Old Bay State.

Protestants With Them in the Struggle For Nobler Things.

NEW ENGLAND'S CATHOLIC GAIN

The election of Hon. James H. Higgins as Governor of Rhode Island and of a number of Catholics as Mayors of Providence, Pawtucket, Woonsocket and similar centers, seems to have inspired the Catholics of Massachusetts into unwonted activity. Or it may be that the splendid record which Boston's Irish Catholic Mayor, Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, is making is encouraging other Massachusetts cities to follow the example set by the Athens of the United States.

Whatever the reason, in any case, it is certain that a number of Catholics in the Bay State suddenly have found favor at the hands of their fellow citizens of every creed and no creed. The current Messenger, of Worcester, makes this fact strikingly plain in an article which seems to prove that the people of New England are today looking to the Catholic Church to lead in the movement for political and social reform.

"The present week gives the strongest evidence that the wave of reform which has resulted in naming so many men in the selection of candidates to head the tickets in various cities, are indeed for Catholics. Of course it was always a foregone conclusion that Mayor John T. Duggan would be chosen again as the Democratic candidate for chief executive of Worcester. That Dr. Duggan will win over his opponent is generally believed. 'Holyoke has nominated an Irish-American for Mayor, and it is significant to note that in no instance do the Republican machines make such nominations. Their policy is always to shout for party and if successful in elections to get all they can from the cities.

"William A. O'Brien was nominated by the Democrats for Mayor of Chelsea, as the Republican machine of that city is sunk in the corruption of graft and some of the city officials are indicted for graft. Mr. O'Brien stands a good chance for election, for people feel that he is needed to reform the city.

"Mayor M. F. Dwyer, of Medford, has been renominated by the Democrats and citizens, and he will run on the Citizens' ticket. As his name indicates he is another Irish-American and he represents those who have risen by the hard toil of hands as well as brains.

"James F. Alward, the Democratic nominee for Mayor of Cambridge, is a very able and a very good man, clean, wholesome and a student of affairs. He made a brilliant record as Alderman in the University city. Mr. Alward is a lawyer. He is also a devout Catholic and prominent in all Catholic affairs.

"Mr. James B. Casey has been renominated in Lowell, and he probably will be re-elected without any great difficulty, for his record is unimpeachable and unassailable. He had several hard contests against corruption and local monopoly, but he always won out. He had the courage to oust the police board and the latter sought revenge by defeating him for renomination, but he defeated the members in their own wars.

"There are more nominations of Irish-Americans in the State, not only in Massachusetts but in other States of New England, proving again that the descendants of the Puritans not only recognize Irish-Americans as able officials in the highest offices, but also so far removed from corrupt influences as to save many thousands of dollars to those who have to pay taxes. In many instances, too, these nominees are against monopolies that charge exorbitant rates for all municipal needs.

"We are not so sanguine as to believe that all the gentlemen mentioned will be elected. It is gratifying, however, to learn that each is an advocate of greater social justice, clean, strong and incorruptible. Very distinctly it is gratifying, moreover, to learn that their Protestant fellow citizens deem them worthy of trust and have appointed them to lead in the struggle for nobler things.

INCREASED SALARIES.

The salaries of the engineer and firemen at the City Hall were increased at the meeting of the General Council this week, and those employees are deeply grateful to Councilmen Bennett, to whom is largely due the credit for the passage of the ordinance. There is a strong and growing sentiment in favor of increasing the pay of the police and firemen, and the question may be introduced at any meeting of the council.

FAREWELL BANQUET.

Rev. Leo Manzatti, who for the past two years has been head of Cincinnati's School of Solmes Chant, severed his connection with the diocesan music commission last Saturday. A farewell reception and ban-

quet was tendered him at the Sterling Hotel by members of the Cathedral choir. He left Cincinnati for Concepcion, Mo., where the famous Benedictine Abbey is located, the real cradle of Solmes chant in the West. After a brief stay in St. Louis, Chicago and Milwaukee, Prof. Manzatti will start for the East, where he will take up similar duties as in Cincinnati, either in New York or Boston.

ATTORNEY CONKLING

Will Be the Moving Spirit of Trinity Council Next Year.

Trinity Council, Y. M. C. L., held a large and enthusiastic meeting Monday night, the annual election bringing out many who had been irregular attendants. When the ballots had been counted Joseph E. Conkling, one of the best known young lawyers in the city, was declared the choice for President for next year, succeeding Albert F. Martin, now Grand President of the Kentucky Jurisdiction. Attorney Conkling's election means an energetic and progressive administration and the completion of the new club house on Baxter avenue. Following is the list of officers elected:

President, Joseph E. Conkling.
First Vice President, John Cuniffe.
Second Vice President, Edward J. Bosier.
Recording Secretary, John Klapheke.
Corresponding Secretary, Con. J. Lane.
Financial Secretary, Charles Klapheke.

Treasurer, Edward P. Wolf.
Marshal, Robert E. Goe.
Inside Sentinel, Edward Flynn.
Outside Sentinel, Louis Miller.
Collector, Frank C. Pilson.
Executive Committee, John J. Barry, Adam G. Schneider, James B. Kelly, Edward Kelly, Dr. B. J. Lamme.

Two members who had been on the sick list were reported improving, and the President was directed to prepare an amendment to the by-laws changing the meetings from Monday to some other night that would better suit the members. This change will be reported next Monday night and voted upon at the succeeding meeting. The members are elated and give the new administration promise of hearty support during the coming year.

RECENT DEATHS.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary McGurk, a pioneer resident of New Albany, took place Tuesday morning from Holy Trinity church. Rev. Father Curran officiating at the solemn services. Deceased is survived by one son, who lives in Louisville.

Though dead a year the memory of little James Joseph Burke was not forgotten by the bereaved parents, John and Mary Burke, 1220 Seventh street. The anniversary of the sad event occurred this week and was observed with prayer and services for the repose of his soul.

John McNulty, aged sixty-three, for many years an industrious and respected resident of the West End, died early Sunday morning at his home, 1921 Baird street, after a short illness. Besides his wife, three sons, James, John and Edward McNulty, survive him. The funeral took place Tuesday morning from St. Patrick's church. Deceased was a native of Ireland, but the greater part of his life was spent in this city.

James McTigue, sixty years of age and long a resident of Limerick, died last Saturday afternoon at his home, 1210 Seventh street, after a short illness of pneumonia. For years he held the position of car inspector for the Louisville & Nashville railroad, would better suit the members. This change will be reported next Monday night and voted upon at the succeeding meeting. The members are elated and give the new administration promise of hearty support during the coming year.

John Shaughnessy, for many years employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, died early Wednesday morning after a short illness at his home, 1449 Seventeenth street. He was a native of Ireland, but had lived here for about fifty years and was the father of an interesting family. Besides his wife and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Shaughnessy, he leaves five sons, James, George, Edward and Louis Shaughnessy. Deceased was a devout member of the Sacred Heart church, and the large attendance at his funeral there Friday morning and the words of Father Walsh were a worthy tribute to his memory.

THIEMANN PROMOTED.

The Board of Directors of the Southern National Bank this week elected Henry Thiemann to the position of cashier, and they are certainly to be commended for the wisdom of their selection. Few bank officials have a wider acquaintance, and among the young bankers few have had a longer service. Beginning as a runner in the Farmers and Drovers' Bank he rose step by step until he became assistant cashier, and when the Farmers and Drovers' was absorbed by the Southern National Mr. Thiemann became a part of the new institution. For more than thirty years he has been with one institution or its successor and his wide acquaintance, unwavering courtesy and genial consideration of those who have dealt with him has given him a large and enthusiastic following, who are glad that he has now ascended to so high a place on the financial ladder.

ROOSEVELT

Declares For More Suitable Laws Regulating Marriage and Divorce.

State or Federal Arbitration For Disputes Between Labor and Capital.

Drastic and Thoroughgoing Child Labor Law Should Be Enacted.

POINTS IN MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

President Roosevelt's message, read in Congress on Tuesday, is a State document of more remarkable strength and force than length, and deals fully and fairly with the great problems now confronting the American people. Urging Congress to safeguard the home by the enactment of laws regulating marriage and divorce, the President says:

"I am well aware of how difficult it is to pass a constitutional amendment. Nevertheless in my judgment the whole question of marriage and divorce should be relegated to the authority of the national Congress. At present the wide differences in the laws of the different States on this subject result in scandals and abuses; and surely there is nothing so vitally essential to the welfare of the nation, nothing around which the nation should so bend itself to throw every safeguard, as the home life of the average citizen. The change would be good from every standpoint. In particular it would be good because it would confer on the Congress the power at once to deal radically and efficiently with polygamy; and this should be done whether or not marriage and divorce are dealt with. It is neither safe nor proper to leave the question of polygamy to be dealt with by the several States. Power to deal with it should be conferred on the national Government. When home ties are loosened, men and women cease to regard a worthy family life, with all its duties fully performed, and all its responsibilities lived up to, as the life best living, then evil days for the commonwealth are at hand. There are regions in our land, and classes of our population, where the birth rate has sunk below the death rate. Surely it should need no demonstration to show that wilful sterility is from the standpoint of the human race, the one sin for which the penalty is national death, race death; a sin for which there is no atonement; a sin which is the more dreadful exactly in proportion as the men and women guilty thereof are in other respects, in character, and bodily and mental powers, those whom the Citizens' ticket would favor for the sake of the fathers and mothers of many healthy children, well brought up in homes made happy by their presence. No man, no woman, can shrink the primary duties of life, whether for love of ease and pleasure or for any other cause, and retain his or her self-respect."

The President treats exhaustively the relations between capital and labor, with the recommendation that some measure should be enacted looking to the curbing of the base teachings of one and the great service of the other, and suggests the following method for settling disputes:

"In this age of great corporate and labor combinations, neither employer nor employee should be left completely at the mercy of the stronger party to a dispute, regardless of the righteousness of their respective claims. The proposed measure would be in the line of securing recognition of the fact that in many strikes the public has itself an interest which can not wisely be disregarded; an interest not merely of general convenience, for the question of a just and proper public policy must also be considered. In all legislation of this kind it is well to advance cautiously, testing each step by the actual results; the step proposed can surely be taken for the decision of the commission would not bind the parties in legal fashion, and yet would give a chance for public opinion to crystallize and thus to exert its full force for the right."

President Roosevelt commends the eight hour work day, and in asking that a drastic and thoroughgoing child labor law should be enacted has this to say:

"The Congress at its last session wisely provided for a trust court for the District of Columbia; a marked step in advance on the path of properly caring for the children. Let me again urge that the Congress provide for a thorough investigation of the conditions of child labor and of the labor of women in the United States. More and more our people are growing to recognize the fact that the questions which are not merely of industrial but of social importance outweigh all others; and these two questions most emphatically come in the category of those which effect in the most far-reaching way the home life of the nation. The horrors incident to the employment of young children in factories or at work anywhere are a blot on our civilization. It is true that each State must ultimately settle the question in its own way; but a thorough official investigation of the matter, with the results published broadcast, would greatly help toward arousing the public conscience and securing unity of State action in the matter. There is, however, one law on the subject which should be enacted immediately, because there is none on an investigation in ref-

erence thereto, and the failure to enact it is creditable to the National Government. A drastic and thoroughgoing child-labor law should be enacted for the District of Columbia and the Territories."

ALL STONG MEN.

A Big Meeting of Knights of Columbus and Annual Election.

The Knights of Columbus turned out strong Wednesday evening, over 200 members being present to participate in the election of officers and the business of the meeting, which did not adjourn until midnight. Louisville Council is conceded to be one of the best in the United States, and everywhere the news of the selection of Judge Matt O'Doherty as Grand Knight will be received with more than ordinary satisfaction. In honoring the Judge our local Knights honored themselves. When the result of the ballot was announced the following were declared elected:

Grand Knight—Judge Matt O'Doherty.
Deputy Grand Knight—Walter P. Lincoln.
Secretary—J. J. Flynn.
Treasurer—Harry A. Apling.
Lecturer—P. H. Callahan.
Chancellor—John Doyle.
Trustee—Henry Thiemann.
Advocate—James O'Connor.
Warden—Henry Klapheke.
Inside Guard—Harry Colgan.
Outside Guard—Thomas Evans.

REV. FATHER RAFFO.

Will Address Quarterly Meeting of Vincentians Tomorrow.

Tomorrow morning the various conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will approach holy communion at their respective churches, and in the afternoon there will be a general meeting in St. Francis Hall at the Cathedral. This is the regular Vincentian quarterly meeting and the last for the year 1906, and the fact that Rev. Charles P. Raffo, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo church, will deliver the principal address insures a large attendance. President James Campbell and Secretary John Doyle will have several interesting reports to read and there will be a review of the work of the past year. The meeting will be called at 3 o'clock sharp in order that a reasonable adjournment may be had. Quite a number of new members will be received, and with a little interest is awaited the reports that will show which conference is making most progress.

INITATION.

Hibernians Will Confer Decrees Sunday, December 16.

Under the direction of the Jefferson county degree team the Hibernians of Louisville will have a big initiation on Sunday afternoon, December 16, for which Magistrate Patrick T. Sullivan and associates are making great preparation. This will be the closing event of the present year in local Hibernian circles, which it is hoped will be made memorable and add largely to the ranks of the order.

The County Board and the four divisions are deeply interested in the initiation, the first that has taken place for many months, notwithstanding that new members have been elected at almost every meeting. Each division will send out notices to candidates and members, and those who have presented names for initiation will be invited to appear at the applicants to Hibernian Hall that day. With the advent of the new County Board next month it is expected that quarterly initiations will be instituted, as an earnest endeavor will be made to double the membership in this county before the next national convention.

GOT IN BAD.

Upon advices from Rev. Father Rossmann, pastor of the Sacred Heart church of Wheeling, C. O. Duffy, from Owensboro, Ky., was taken into custody by the police at the Washington Hotel at Portsmouth, Ohio, last Saturday night, charged with embezzling funds solicited for advertisements for a "fake" book explaining the sacraments which purported to be circulated among Catholics only. Collections were made but no books forthcoming. At Wheeling, it is claimed, Duffy got away with several hundred dollars. Father Rossmann notified neighboring priests and as soon as he appeared there the police were notified. When Duffy registered at the hotel he asked to be assigned a room near the fire escape, claiming he had a narrow escape at the Erie earthquake. From letters it is found that he has a family at Owensboro, where he is believed to be well connected.

WELCOME SHOWER.

The good friends of Rev. Father Kalaher, pastor of the Catholic church just completed on West Market street, assembled at his little rectory Wednesday and treated him to an unexpected but nevertheless welcome "shower." They came from all parts of the city, and upon their departure it was discovered that they had showered him with nearly everything to furnish his residence.

PEACE

Now Reigns in the Ranks of Organized Labor in Kentucky.

Long and Harmonious State Convention Held Here This Week.

Calvin Wyatt Directed Proceedings as Representative of President Gompers.

PLEASANT BANQUET AT GALT HOUSE

During the week the Kentucky State Federation of Labor has been in session in Louisville, and the delegates from the various parts of the State have been made the guests of the city officially and personally. Visiting delegates, no matter what branch of labor they represented, whether it were the hodcarriers or the more skilled mechanic, were all made welcome and received on the level.

It is highly creditable to Louisville that she is free from the turmoil which prevails in labor circles in some of the larger American cities. At the banquet given at the Galt House in honor of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor on Monday the Mayor of the city was present and the Commonwealth Attorney was the toastmaster. The Mayor said that he had dealings with organized labor, and in his private and official business found that the representatives of the various unions were honest, and that it was a pleasure to deal with them in the settlement of labor troubles which of necessity come up in all cities.

Merchants, manufacturers, professional and business men, of all shades of political and religious belief, sat down to the banquet in honor of organized labor, and by their presence and expressions indicated that they felt that the union labor cause was just, and that it was a pleasure to deal with them in the settlement of labor troubles which of necessity come up in all cities.

Among those who responded to the toast were President Wyatt, Judge John McCann, Peter Lee Atherton, Gus Hicken, Edward L. Cronk, Frank Fehr and Scott Bullitt. The Federation, convened on Monday morning in German when over a hundred delegates presented credentials. Calvin prominent officer of the A. F. of Labor and one of the best known and most conservative labor leaders in Pennsylvania, presided and directed the proceedings of the convention as the representative of President Samuel Gompers, who has had charge of the Kentucky case since the split at Covington last year. In opening the convention Mr. Wyatt assured the delegates that he proposed to be fair and impartial in his rulings, and that his one purpose was to restore harmony and again put the Kentucky Federation on a proper basis.

The first two days were devoted to routine work and the consideration of reports. At no time were there any discord or feeling displayed, and in the revision of the laws, which brought out lengthy debates, the delegates expressed their views and voted without temper or passion. While numerous changes were made none were of great importance, but the laws as they were read are plain and will bear but one interpretation, which renders impossible a recurrence of the trouble. Reports from all sections of Kentucky show that the union movement is progressing, and that when the eight hour day is granted the printers of Louisville there will be no difference of moment between capital and labor in Kentucky. The election of officers took place to take place in this issue.

NEWS FROM ROME.

Statements Sent American Press Are Mere Guess-work.

The press reports sent out from Rome this week for the American press are conflicting and ridiculous. One sent out for the Sunday paper declare that for the first time during the present pontificate the Pope will hold secret and public consistory on the same day, December 10.

Another said the Pope would deliver an allocution and announce the appointment of eighty-four residential and titular Bishops, including three Americans and four Canadian and Newfoundland.

Monday the report is sent out that "it is probable that the consistory which was scheduled for December 6 will be postponed on account of the illness of Monsignor Joseph Samassa, Archbishop of Bologna, Hungary, who was to receive the red hat on that date."

Then comes the following, which is about as ridiculous an item as has been ever sent over: "The State Railroad Department has received orders to reconstruct the Pope's railroad carriage. This car has not been used since 1870. It is a special car, used by the Pope on his travels, with a portable altar, and the upholstering are of white velvet. This news is commented upon with much interest and people are wondering if it means that the Pope is about to leave the Vatican."